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99/8. Expression of appreciation to Mr. James Gustav Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, 1993-1999

The Executive Board,

Noting with regret that Mr. James Gustave Speth will depart from his position as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, effective 1 July 1999,

Acknowledging the unrelenting and tireless efforts of Mr. Speth to place the United Nations Development Programme at the centre of the promotion of sustainable human development and the progress made by the Programme in its crucial work on poverty eradication during his time as Administrator,

Also acknowledging the efforts made by Mr. Speth, in support of multilateralism, to place the United Nations Development Programme at the forefront of reform and change in the United Nations system, to provide the organization with the tools to face future challenges and to forge partnerships with the full range of development actors so as to ensure a strengthened, effective and efficient role for the Programme in the operational activities of the United Nations,

1. Expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. James Gustave Speth for his effective management of the United Nations Development Programme from 1993 to 1999;

2. Extends its best wishes to Mr. James Gustave Speth and his family for a long and happy life and for continued success in all his future endeavours.

15 June 1999

99/9. UNDP financial risk management; review of operational reserve

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1999/5/Rev.1) and of the further clarifications contained in document DP/1999/CRP.9/Rev.1;

2. Notes the approach recommended by the Administrator to determine United Nations Development Programme liquidity;

3. Supports the recommendation of the Administrator for the establishment of a reserve for other resources activities and the mechanism for its funding;

4. Approves the recommended formula for the calculation of the level of the operational reserve for regular resources (see annex); and decides to reduce the factor used to calculate the liability and structural risk component of the reserve from 25 per cent to 10 per cent.

16 June 1999

Annex

FORMULA FOR THE OPERATIONAL RESERVE FOR REGULAR RESOURCES

The formula for the calculation of the level of the operational reserve for regular resources is:

The sum of the following components:

1. Income component. The equivalent of 10 per cent of the average of the annual voluntary contributions received over the most recent three years, rounded to the nearest $1 million;

2. Expenditure component. The equivalent of 2 per cent of the average total annual expenditure incurred over the most recent three years, rounded to the nearest $1 million;

3. Liability and structural risk component. The equivalent of 10 per cent of the sum of the income and expenditure components, rounded to the nearest $1 million;

4. Cash-flow component. The equivalent of the cash needs for one month, calculated as one twelfth of the total expenditure of the most recent year, rounded to the nearest $1 million.

99/10. UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of document DP/1999/19 submitted in response to decision 98/15 and also notes that elaboration of the UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy continues as work in progress;

2. Welcomes the efforts to date to enhance the visibility of UNDP and the results achieved to date in the promotion of a culture of communication and advocacy in UNDP;

3. Also welcomes the emphasis in the UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy on results and progress towards a clearer demonstration of the development achievements of UNDP;

4. Requests further elaboration of the results-based UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy to strengthen the linkage with the multi-year funding framework and to report on budgetary and staffing implications;

5. Invites the Administrator to report further in this regard, taking into account the results of the discussion on the multi-year funding framework, initially with an oral report at the first regular session 2000, to be followed by a substantive report and discussion at the annual session 2000.

22 June 1999

99/11. Technical cooperation among developing countries

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on technical cooperation among developing countries (DP/1999/21);

2. Requests the Administrator to prepare a report to enable the Director to respond, in an appropriate manner and in the context of the multi-year funding framework and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes when the budget is being discussed in 2000, to the General Assembly request set out in paragraph 43 of its resolution 53/192 of 15 December 1998, taking into account the mandate of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries.

22 June 1999

99/12. UNOPS: Annual report of the Executive Director

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/1999/22 and Add.1), further noting that the Office continues to operate in accordance with the self-financing principle;

2. Welcomes the continued progress of the United Nations Office for Project Services in diversifying its client base and in increasing its level of services to United Nations agencies;

3. Takes note of the ongoing evaluation by the United Nations Development Programme of the relationship between the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Development Programme for presentation at the first regular session 2000 and requests the Administrator to ensure that

the Office is fully consulted in this process in order to increase coordination and cooperation between the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Development Programme and invites the Executive Director and the Administrator to comment on the outcome;

4. Recognizes that changes in the current personnel regime for the United Nations Office for Project Services are necessary;

5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services, in collaboration with the Administrator and in consultation with all interested parties on all relevant legal, budgetary, staff and policy implications, to present at the third regular session 1999 a detailed proposal on the responsibility of the Office in personnel matters, as envisioned in decisions 94/12 of 9 June 1994 and 94/32 of 10 October 1994 on the delegation of authority in the areas of personnel, with a view to taking a decision at that session.

22 June 1999

99/13. UNFPA workplan for 2000-2003 and programme expenditure authority

The Executive Board,

1. Notes programme resource planning proposals of the Executive Director as set out in document DP/FPA/1999/9;

2. Approves the request for 2000 programme expenditure authority at a level equal to expected new programmable resources for 2000, currently estimated at $224 million, and requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board whenever there are any significant increases or shortfalls in estimated income for the year 2000;

3. Notes the following estimates of new programmable resources for programme planning for the period 2001-2003: $242 million for 2001, $254 million for 2002 and $267 million for 2003; and requests the Executive Director to reconsider these estimates in the preparation of the multi-year funding framework;

4. Endorses the use of new programmable resources for multi-bilateral funding at $35 million per year for the years 2000-2003;

5. Requests the Executive Director to report on progress in developing the multi-year funding framework at its first regular session 2000 as envisaged in decision 99/5.

22 June 1999

99/14. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 1999

The Executive Board,

Recalls that during the annual session 1999 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Approved the agenda and work plan for its annual session 1999 (DP/1999/L.3/Rev.1) as orally amended;

Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 1999 and 2000 subject to the approval of the Committee on Conferences:

Third regular session 1999:	13-17 September 1999
First regular session 2000:	24-28 January 2000
Second regular session 2000:	3-7 April 2000
Annual session 2000:	13-23 June 2000 (Geneva)
Third regular session 2000:	11-15 September 2000

Agreed to the subjects to be discussed at the third regular session 1999 of the Board, as listed in the annex;

Adopted decision 99/8 of 15 June 1999, Expression of appreciation to Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, 1993-1999;

UNDP SEGMENT

ITEM 2: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Took note of the annual report of the Administrator for 1998, including the report on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, the statistical annex and the review of the global cooperation framework (DP/1999/15; DP/1999/15/Add.1; DP/1999/15/Add.2; DP/1999/CRP.7);

ITEM 3: UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Took note of the report of the Administrator on UNDP and United Nations reform (DP/1999/16);

ITEM 4: EVALUATION

Took note of the report of the Administrator on UNDP evaluation activities (DP/1999/17);

ITEM 5: COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED MATTERS

Took note of the note by the Administrator on assistance to Myanmar (DP/1999/18);

ITEM 6: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Adopted decision 99/10 of 22 June 1999 on UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy;

ITEM 7: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Took note of the interim report on the implications of the funding strategy for UNDP-associated funds and programmes (DP/1999/20);

ITEM 8: TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Adopted decision 99/11 of 22 June 1999 on technical cooperation among developing countries;

ITEM 9: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Adopted decision 99/12 of 22 June 1999 on the annual report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services;

Took note of the report of the Executive Director on follow-up to recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors (DP/1999/24); and requested the Executive Director to provide the Executive Board at its annual session 2000 with an updated overview of the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;

Took note of the report of the Executive Director on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/1999/25);

ITEM 14: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Adopted decision 99/9 of 16 June 1999 on UNDP financial risk management; review of operational reserve;

UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 10: INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

Took note of the reports on internal audit and oversight activities of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1999/23; DP/1999/22/Add.2; DP/FPA/1999/8);

ITEM 15: FIELD VISITS

Took note of the report on the field visit to Brazil (DP/1999/CRP.8);

UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 11: REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1998

Took note of the report of the Executive Director for 1998 on programme priorities, statistical overview, programme effectiveness, regional and interregional overview (DP/FPA/1999/7 (Part I), (Part I/Add.1), (Part II) and (Part III)) with comments made thereon;

ITEM 12: WORK PLAN AND REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

Adopted decision 99/13 of 22 June 1999 on the UNFPA work plan for 2000-2003 and request for programme expenditure authority;

Took note of the report of the Executive Director on the status of financial implementation of country programmes and projects approved by the Governing Council and the Executive Board (DP/FPA/1999/10);

ITEM 13: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Took note of the oral report on the implementation of the UNFPA information and communication strategy;

ITEM 16: OTHER MATTERS

Took note of the oral report on the World Trade Organization initiative for least developed countries;

22 June 1999

Annex

DRAFT WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION 1999
(13-17 SEPTEMBER 1999)

DAY/DATE	TIME	ITEM	ACTION/ INFO	SUBJECT
MONDAY 13 SEPT	A.M.	1	A	Organizational matters: Agenda for the session, reports on the second regular session and annual session 1999, list of items to be taken up in 2000.
		2		UNDP segment UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
			A	- Multi-year funding framework, 2000-2003
			A	- Budget estimates for the biennium 2000-2001
			A	- Annual review of the financial situation, 1998
			I	- Review and revision of UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules
			I	- 1998 annual statistical report, including procurement of goods and services
			I	- Information on the United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures 1998
			I	- Information on the United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures 1998: explanatory notes
	P.M.	2		UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)
TUESDAY 14 SEPT	A.M.	2		UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)

DAY/DATE	TIME	ITEM	ACTION/ INFO	SUBJECT
TUESDAY 14 SEPT	P.M.			UNFPA segment
		6		UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
			A	- Biennial support budget
			A	- Annual financial review, 1998
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPT	A.M.	6		UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)
	P.M.	5		UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
			A	- Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1999-2000 and budget estimates for the biennium 2000-2001
			A	- Appropriateness of the operational reserve (97/21)
			I	- ACABQ report on UNOPS
			A	- Responsibility of UNOPS for personnel matters (99/12)
THURSDAY 16 SEPT	A.M.	4		Special funds and programmes
			A	- United Nations Capital Development Fund (97/8)
	P.M.	7		UNFPA: Technical support services
			A	- TSS future options (98/6)
FRIDAY 17 SEPT	A.M.	3	A	UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters
	P.M.	8	A	UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters
		9	I	Other matters